

*A Seasonable Prayer for the King,
in these sad Times*

O Eternal Lord! the only wise and just God, whose Councells are unsearchable, and whose waies past finding out: we thy Servants (in a holy feare, and humble reverence of thy Majestie and Judgements) dare not so much as to complaine of, but only to bewaile and to lament the distressed condition, and heavy sufferings of our gracious King Charles.

How is his righteous Cause fallen to the ground; his sacred Person under restraint, and his life neere to destruction! And how do his Enemies glorie in their prosperous successes, and thy propitious providence is yet in doubt.

O Lord, we pray for thine own Cause, the Government that thou hast ordained, and long since established, and the Religion that thou hast graciously planted, and wonderfully preserved amongst us. Stand up, O Lord, save and preserve thine Anointed from the hands of his cruel and blood-thirsty enemies, who have deprived him of his Government, and would take away his life also.

If in thy just judgement, thou hast not abso-
lutely blinded and hardened them, to the utter
dissolution of this Kingdom, and to the final
destruction of this sinfull Nation, open yet their

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eyes to see and consider, and smite their hearts to relent and repent of their foule calumnies upon their Soveraignes words and actions, and their horrid designe against his Person; or if they be past understanding and feeling of, and remorse for their sins, divide and dissipate their Counsells, and blast their present proceedings, and frustrate their intended violence against him. Or, if they go on undevied in their Counsells and designs, raise and incourage his loyall and true-hearted Subjects to unite and interpose according to their duty and Allegiance to God and their King, and to oppose and withstand them, and to the utmost of their power to assist and defend him against all attempts they shall make upon his Person, his Crown and Dignity; or if there be no help in or by man, then be thou thy self his mighty deliverer; rescue him by an extraordinary act of power, or disappoint them, by some remarkable intervening act of providence: so shall the King rejoyce in thy salvation, and all the world shall see his sufferings were for his triall only, not for his confusion.

But if by this permission those sons of *Belial* have power over his life also, and shall kill and destroy his body, O let his soule be precious in thy sight; keep it as the apple of thine eye, safe from distemper and danger, throughout the various passages of malice, insolence, and cruelty.

Holy Father, if it be possible, to let this cup passe from him; neverthelesse, not our wills, but thy will be done, and if this cup may not passe

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pass away except he drink it, as he hath triumphed over all his afflictions, so grant that he may triumph over death it selfe, ready submitting to thy heavenly Will, having the testimony and comfort of a good conscience, together with the blessed concurrence of thy holy Spirit, bearing witness to his spirit of his obedience and integrity to thee, and of thy love and mercy in Christ to him, and of his faith and affiance in thee through Christ, and of the exceeding great advantage in and through death, to be delivered from his continued insufferable indignities and pressures, which are worse then death it selfe, and to be exalted unto glory and immortality with all thy holy Servants, and to be superexalted in glory with all thy holy Martyrs, to live and to raigne with thee and them for ever, and ever. *Amen, Amen.*

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